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Madrid, September 16, N. S.

HIS Catholick Majesty has been pleased to honour the Count de Punnenrostro with the Dignity of Grandee of Spain, in Consideration of the Services done by him and his Family to the Crown of Spain. On the 13th Instant Prince Sharbatoff the Muscovite Minister went to St. Ildefonso, where he had a Conference with the Marques de la Paz; and Yesterday went to Balsain, where he dined with Count Konigsegg the Emperour's Ambassadour The Chevalier de Croy a Flemish Gentleman died last Week. He was Lieutenant General in the King of Spain's Army, and first Lieutenant of the Troop of Flemish Life-Guards, which last Post has been given to Monsr. Dormet; and the second Lieutenancy which the latter had, to the Prince de Chalais, who is at present at Paris. On the 13th Instant, the Count de Lambillie arrived at St. Ildefonso returning from Amsterdam; he kiss'd his Catholick Majesty's Hand the same Evening. The Duke of Wharton is still here, and has shewn about a Letter from the Pretender, commanding him to set out immediately for Rome, in order to be near his Person; and the said Duke has declared, that he will begin his Journey thither in a few Days, together with his Dutchess.

From on board His Majesty's Ship the Union, Sept. 4. On the 31st past Sir John Jennings with Part of the Squadron under his Command anchored in the Bay of Bulls; and having sent his Boats ashore at Cadiz, was by the Governour's Order supplied with Refreshments. On the 1st Instant we were joyned by the Dursley Galley and the Lime; and we are now cruising off Cape St. Mary.

Lisbon, Sept. 21, N. S. On the 18th Instant Rear-Admiral Hopson with four British Men of War came into this River. One of the Ships having lost her Main-Yard, and another having her Fore-Mast damaged, the Rear-Admiral applied to Brigadier Dormer the British Envoy, who immediately obtained an Order from his Portuguese Majesty for furnishing every thing necessary out of his Naval Stores. Yesterday His Britannick Majesty's Ships the Winchester and Swallow came to the Entrance into this River, and this Day proceeded to joyn Sir John Jennings. Rear Admiral Hopson will put to Sea again in a few Days.

Kensington, Sept. 24. Yesterday His Majesty was pleased to sign a Commission nominating and appointing his Grace James Duke of Hamilton to be one of the Knights Brethren of the most Noble Order of the Thistle in the Room of the late Earl of Cadogan, and to grant a Warrant to the Right Honourable the Earl of Finlater and Seafield to represent His Majesty's Royal Person for investing his Grace with the Ensigns of the said Order: All which have been this Day transmitted to Scotland, where the Duke now is, by Sir David Nairne Secretary of the Order.

Royal Exchange Assurance-Office, Sept. 21, 1726.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Tuesday the 27th of this Instant September, at Eleven in the Forenoon, in order to a Dividend.

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